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| Applicant      | : | Werner, et al.  |
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| For            | : | SURFACE ASSEMBLY FOR<br>IMMOBILIZING DNA CAPTURE<br>PROBES AND BEAD-BASED<br>ASSAY INCLUDING OPTICAL<br>BIO-DISCS AND METHODS<br>RELATING THERETO |
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## REPLACEMENT AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Communication mailed September 26, 2006, and further to the Office Action mailed February 17, 2006, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.